- I have been through my last summer's dresses, itad a regular "closing-out day,"
 And of all the most discouraging messes, Commend me to the old clothes, I say.
 There they are, worn and tagged out and lattered.
 On the bed and the chairs and the door, While some hats, rather rakishly battered, Lie socially near on the floor.
- There's my white lace, still covered with
- Cost a fortune and turned out a fraud; But I wore it that night at the Travers'. When I danced with the swell from abroad.

 Here's a bunting, a satin brocaded;
 Here's a nun's cloth, made up rather plain
 And this old mustin, looking so faded,
 And with such an aggressive big stain.
- I remember the last time I wore it,
 At that pionic where we caught trout,
 And I caught on a thorn bush and tore it,
 And of course all the shirring came out
 And to finish the wreck more completely
 Tom McCrary, the blundering old dear,
 Must aceds upset his berries discreetly—
 The avalanche struck me just here.
- Poor Tom! In far-off Colorado,
 He's at wo come gully or ditch;
 But it never will prove El Dorado—
 Tom isn't the kind to get rich.
 And should be return, dear old fellow,
 With his limited income increased,
 I'm certain I'd be sere and yellow,
 And he would be forty at least.
- it is slily, I know, to remember,
 But some thoughts are so loth to go.
 Yet I'll be twenty-three next Septembe.
 And a girl can't wait always, you know.
 Well, life is peculiar and puzzling,
 And I don't find much game in the hunt,
 But—I always shall keep that blue muslin
 With the strawberry slain down the front
 Harper's Hazar.

not relishing the 'feast of reason and flow of soul.'

That is very well for literary people whose houses are full of objects of interest,' said his mother-'And who have other ways of entertaining people than through their stomachs,' whispered naughty Alice-but we must have an elegant supper, or we will give up the party. Of course we must have oysters and several cold meats, besides ices, ice-cream, fruits, coffee and chocolate. We will pinch somewhere else to make up; leave that to me, William." And the lady went on complacently reading her list, 'Dr. and Mrs. Bollins; you recollect we were invited to their daughter's wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Cross' silver wedding.'

'Both which 'obligations' cost us a pretty little sum for presents to people we don't care a thing about,' said Mr. Barnes, bitterly. 'Mary, if you ever hear me say a word about our having a metal wedding, know at once that I am either crazy or in my dotage. When we get so low as to invite people to give us presents, I will go round with a subscription paper, but I will never get up the modern farce of a silver or golden

Then here are the Livingstones pursued the lady, 'who have just come to town, but real 'quality' people, whom it is best to place under obligations to us; and Squire Harding'-

'Who invited me to his breakfast, be cause he wanted my vote, put in pater-familias, unpleasantly. 'But it's all familias, unpleasantly. But it's all right, my dear, all right, I suppose, only one cannot help wondering what the Saviour meant, when he said: 'When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen nor thy rich neighbors, lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee.

her father, and to see through the ven-

eering of society shams.

Let us pass lightly over the dreadful days of preparation; the turning upbottom, the polishing of silver, the importation of crockery and extra help(?), and the endless cooking, cooking, for the Barnes family could not afford to like me to mention. Not that they exorder their supper from the local Del- actly planned it so, but the next summonico's. So the younger children mer it came about in this wise. Mr. stoned raisins and beat eggs, and enjoy-ed immensely the confusion and gener-the city and worked hard all the hot, al air of something coming; and the long season. Fred was luckly invited family subsisted upon outside slices of roasts, unfortunate biscuits and test Barnes remembered a cousin of hers, pieces of cake. Some things went wrong, of course, and had to be done over, and there was harry and terrible city, whom she had not seen in twenty anxiety for Mrs. Barnes, who, I am years, and whom she really ought to sorry to say, lost her temper several visit. So with Alice and the two little times, and developed unknown powers ones she gave to this 'dear friend' the few laborers that are required upon a of scolding. But everything was whisked into line at the very last moment, and the poor lady with a racking head-did her own work, and got rather tired.

In one instance we were told that only

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awfully, groaned little May, an uncomfortable child, who had not yet learned burdensome social customs, whose yoke the ways of the world. 'I would rath- we abhor, but dare not throw off. er wear my old ones."

'No, no, never mind if they do hurt a little, they are lovely, so slim and and high, and such a perfect match for your dress.' And so the poor child taking her first lesson in the ways of the world-

'Good evening, my dear Mrs. Rollins, now kind of you to come early; we shall have time for a real little visit be-

fore there are other arrivals.'
Mrs. Barnes had a headache; per-

there's one consolation, our guests' all erally; and we shan't have to endure this affliction again for one while, I

'Why ever again, my dear?' urged Mr. Barnes, gently. 'Why need we accept invitations we do not care to return? Why can we not hereafter invite our friends, and people whom we wish especially to make happy, in small companies, which will not tire you to death in preparation. I thoroughly enjoy receiving our friends in our home, but how can anybody enjoy such a farce as this, with hollowness on both sides. Why, I felt guilty and mean all

the evening.'
'It does seem as if that were the better way,' assented the wife absently, thinking how she could get breakfast out of that mass of confusion in the kitchen; but then, society, you know.

- A few more days of hard work brought back the usual order and quiet of the family; it seemed like a calm following a small earthquake. But the bills began to come in. They looked large, placed over against the small family income. The father and mother were talking them over one night after the children were in bed. They must be provided for by 'pinching' some-where else, as Mrs. Barnes had said. She was ready with her devices. 'We all need new flannels this winter,' she said; the old ones are very thin, but they must be made to do with patching. Then we must do without beefsteak and oysters as often as usual; these articles

are expensive, you know.' 'It might be considered doubtful economy to dispense with warm clothing and nourishing food,' said Mr. Barnes with a shake of the head.

'Probably that will all be changed in the new translation, said Alice, who was disposed to be a bit cynical, like you know,' resumed the lady doubtfully-couldn't you take from that a lit-

'Not one cent from that, my dear. The party was selfishness, not chari-

'Mamma, these new boots hurt me much slavery in the world, much vol-

The Speed of the Wing. A writer in Frazier's Magazine s ays your dress. And so the poor child stood in simple misery all the evening, driven is enormous. It is occasionally so great as to emit a drumming sound, To this source the buzz of the fly, the drone of the bee, and the boom of the beetle are to be referred. When a what is streamly deproved home of the stream by the whirring of its wings greatly resembles that produced by the contact of steel with the rapidly is especially true of the heron, which is seemed to enjoy it, if we did not. I one of the most picturesque, and at the received a great many compliments for the supper, and the entertainment genon several occasions, and find that in ordinary flights its wings make exactly sixty up strokes and sxty down strokes—that is, 120 beats per mirute. In the pterodactyl, the great extinct Saurian, the wing was enormously elong-ated, and in this particular instance probably from fifty to sixty beats of the wing per minute sufficed for flight. Fifty or sixty pulsations of the wing per minute do not involve much wear and tear of the working parts, and

> tion, as far as the machinery required The Dominion of Canada has done a neighborly thing which, at least, the Postoffice Department in this country will appreciate, and will put an end to the clever evasions through which money has been saved by certain publishers on this side of the boundary line. The pestal laws of Canada, (if

am strongly of opinion that artificial

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and the poor lady with a racking headache was trying to get dressed and composed, when somebody aunounced the
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wit by their right names. There is still than the amount paid in England."

THE FARM.

The Hot-Bed.

We have urged from year to year upon all who wish to have early vege-tables, the great importance of a hotbed. Market gardeners find it an absolute necessity, as it is indispensable to all who do not wait upon the slow revolution of the seasons. Even a very small garden may be greatly increased in value by making use of it, inasmuch as from one to two months may be grouse, partridge, or pheasant suddenly springs into the air, the sound produced etables. We have more than once putlished directions for constructing a hot-

as where the soil is sandy with a loose, porous subsoil, it will be better to dig a pit for the manure. In either case the manure must extend in all direc-Having dug the pit of sufficient depth, the manure being alive with heat, is to be carted and thrown in, a forkful at a time, keeping it as level as well as well as mentions a White Willow. will not do to tread the manure very hard as the heat would be too much checked, but it should be pressed down slightly by the fork, and a light person may walk once around on the edges. The middle will settle solid enough when the soil is put on in which the plants are to grow. The depth of the manure in the pit will depend upon the season of the year and how long the heat will be wanted. A thick bed will hold heat longer than a shallow one, so the earlier the bed is made in spring the deeper must the manure be laid. Two feet of manure is not too much if

the bed is started the last of February or first of March. Later in April, frames are placed over a foot of manure in beds made for setting out plants that require checking or more space for development. Hav-ing filled the pit with manure to the

in the autumn—the most desirable are price asked is \$15,000.

the Cottonwood and White Willow, both of which grow rapidly from cut-tings. Mr. Arthur Bryant, in his valuable work on timber culture, recommends the planting of a wind-break eight rods in width on the north and west side of every quarter section of

The best time to make Cottonwood cuttings is in the spring, after the buds begin to swell. They are made of the previous year's growth, the length vary-ing from eight to twelve inches. Take a small and vigorous branch in the left hand, top toward you, and with a knife in the other hand, cut them off the desired length with a drawing cut.

tions several inches beyond the frame all others in these respects. He speaks planted thirteen years that was two as the apparent sequel to scarlatina, when in feet and one inch in diameter at the reality it is from diseased kidneys, which become weakened by the fever they have just ground, and formed a head, or top, had" the expense of growing ten acres of such trees on land valued at \$40 per acre, and converting the acres of such trees on land valued at \$40 per acre, and converting the such trees on land valued at \$40 per acre, and converting the such trees on land valued at \$40 per acre, and converting the such trees of such trees on land valued at \$40 per acre, and converting the such trees of such trees acre, and converting the same into have de lumber, would not exced \$10 per 1,000 feet. Mr. C. S. Harrison mentions one tree grown in the vicinity of St. Paul, twenty-five years of age, which measmeter. He says that there is no better material for hedge fencing and for a wind-break. The plan suggested for making hedges of it is to cut stakes six feet in length that are two inches in thickness, then cut a very narrow lished in full: trench two feet in depth, place the stakes ten inches apart, pack the soil firmly about them, and fasten the tops

line. The pestal laws of Canada, (if if we may be so impatriotic as to say it) are more inbestal that or of any one plane for development. Have a more inbestal hard or so, and in the public of sending to the correct of the published here, to Canada, the first of the correct of the published here are the things of the correct of the published here and the profits of the pro

THAT RICH EXPERIENCE.

A Free Press Interview Sustained and Its Source Revealed.

(Detroit Free Press.)

A few months ago an interview with a pror inent and well-known physician, formerly a resident of Detroit, but now living in New York, appeared in the columns of this paper The statements made by the doctor and the facts he divulged were of so unusual a nature as to cause no little commotion among those who read them, and many inquiries were raised as to the genuineness of the interview and the validity of the states ents it contained. The

and a half cords, the entire product being valued at \$1,260 per acre.

The White Willow is another exceedingly hardy and rapid grower. A friend in Nebraska writes that it excels all others in these respects. He speaks of having grown, from one small cutting, in two years, a tree that measured six and one fourth inches in diameter at the ground. Mr. O. B. Galusha mentions a White Willow tree which grew from a cutting that had been planted thirteen years that was two

"Well, whether they are reasonable or not, I have demonstrated to my own satisfaction that they are true, and I propose to stand by them, no matter how much opposition I may raise by doing so. Any man, be he politician, preacher, or physician, who is so considerate of his pocketbook or of his own personal ends as to stultify himself by suppressing the manifest truth, is unwerthy the name of man, and unworthy the confidence of the public whom he serves."

The above are some of the principal points in the interview referred to. Now for the sequel.

Under such convincing circumstances, the matter of confessing my cure became a question of conscience and of duty to humanity. "Here is a remedy," I said, "that has done for me what the best predical skill of the country could not mplish"—and as an honorable

man I will not suppress the facts. I therefore write you and most unhesitatingly assert that for all diseases of the kidneys, liver, stomach or urinary organs which are amenable to treatment, Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Curasurpts as any remedy I have ever known or used, and since physicians have so much illected in the treatment of diseases of these rate, I san prepared to accept all the consequences, in the treatment of diseases of these rate, I san prepared to accept all the consequences, in duty bound to use this pure vegetable compared to the protice.

Yours very truly.

Yours very truly. J. W. SMITH, M. D.

Statements so outspoken as the above and coming from such a reliable source are valuable beyond question. They conclusively show not only the power of the remedy which has become so well known and popular, but the great importence of attention in time to the first incications of declining health. When professional men of such high standing sink their prejudice and willingly declare their belief in that which they know to be valuable, the public may confidently follow their example.

Fashion Invenions.

If the ladies who spend their leisure time examining various articles which are necessary for their toilets could know the origin of some of the styles which are so popular, it would furnish them with amusement. The oddest devises have been resorted to in order to improve some of the articles dis-played, but it is curious to discover the motives which actuate the inventor of some familiar mode. The young ladies whose daintily slippered feet are incas-d in the handsomest hose procurable, are in many instances ignorant of the circumstances which led to the invention of the stocking-frame. Cloth stockings heavily embroidered with gold were royal gifts in the time of the Ing-lish Henries, and it was not until the reign of Elizabeth that these went out of style and hand-knitted silk hose were substituted. Later on in the same reign a young student in love with a pretty naiden whose occupation consisted in stocking kniting, was refused by the damsel, and in his wrath and disappointment determined to make her repent her scornful rejection of his suit. At last his ideas took shape, and with much labor he constructed a stockframe, and in a short time opened a manufactory. The indignation of the hand-knitters whose trade was destroyed by this invention was manifested in such a way as to force the inventor to leave England, and, his business suffering from the change, he died in Paris much poorer than the girl whose occu-pation he tried to take away through

revenge. Since that period there have been numerous and great improvements upon the primitive invention, and ladies to-day wear the handsomest silk and lisle thread hose, varied in every possi- . ble way, and made more and more attractive.

A Happy Home.

back of all institutions of human invention we have the domestic circle; and nothing varies so much in grades as this. The perfection of earthly hap-piness or misery centre in it, and yet, the happiness of home depends not on a tropical sun, or a prevailing wind, or the government under which it is built. It has its foundation in the ordinance of mprriage, and like my structure, much of its strength depends on the lenuineness of its foundation.

A happy home must be one of refinement—not, necessarily, the refinement that wealth cannot bring. Here the infant awakens to consciousness, and voice is attuned to chord with the sounds that prevail here, and with this soul-growth grows the home, either to grandeur or to degradation. Love, peace and trust must be the 'constant and revered inmates of home, and the members of such a home dwell under the shadow of an angel's wing, and where they are not, a home is nothing more than a lair of wild beasts, where the inmates contend over the bones of the slain.

A home, to be a home in the true sense, must have privileges for its own that belong not to those born outside of this circle; and a home whose laws and privacies are subject to encroachment by others is no better than the sheep fold that has no protection from ravages of wolves. A home should not be a hermitage, but better than that it have nothing for its own.

Perhaps the greatest destroyer of homes is intemperance, but there is another that does not always receive its due, and that is the race for wealth. In this, the tender and lofty emotions are smothered, and affection is left to droop and die, and then perhaps when these are gone the race is found to be futile, and even if the end is attained it fails to bring the peace and satisfaction that had been anticipated .- Rural New Yorker.

At a meeting of some brethren it was decided to make a collection. The president concluded to pass the hat imself, and, in order to encourage the others he put in a ten cent piece. After the collection, during which every hand had been in the hat, the president approached the table, turned the hat upside down, and not even his own contribution dropped out. He opened his eyes with astonishment and ex-claimed: "Fo' goodness, but I'ze eben lost de ten cents I started wid!" Then there was consternation on the faces of the assembly. Who was the lucky man? That was the question. He could not blush, or turn pale, for all were as black as night. It was evidently a hopeless case, and was summed up by one brother, who rose in his place and said, solemnly, "Dar 'pears to be a great moral lesson roun' heah somewhar."

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